THOMAS BATEMAN (1778-1821). Delineations of cutaneous diseases. 1817.

Like Robert Willan, Bateman’s celebrated teacher and collaborator, Bateman was born in Yorkshire and received his medical degree from Edinburgh. Willan is considered the founder of modern dermatology, and his classification scheme and nomenclature system for skin diseases are still in use today. His greatest work, On cutaneous diseases, remained unfinished at his death. Bateman completed Willan's work in 1813. Based on Willan's classification of skin diseases, the work became extremely popular. Bateman and Willan worked so closely together that it is difficult to identify correctly their individual scientific accomplishments. Bateman became, after Willan's death, the most noted dermatologist in London. In addition to completing Willan's On cutaneous diseases, Bateman produced this magnificent atlas, which includes Willan's previously unpublished engravings. This compilation of seventy-two colored plates and accompanying description is the first dermatological atlas.